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More Endorsements of the Action of the Committee—Good Feeling Everywhere—People Are Coming to Us—"Stay in The Middle of The Road" is The Slogan.

The Old Man Is After Them.

For The Caucasian.]

KINSTON, N. C., July 14, '96.—The slogan down here with the Pops is: "We endorse "Maryann" and the executive committee plan." The lawyer convention is a thing of the past with the horny-hands and clod-hoppers in this county. They stole our platform completely, and want us to give them another chance to issue two hundred and sixty-two million gold bonds more in time of peace. Great God! Ain't they got the cheek of a government mule? They call us deserters. Now, Mr. Editor, if we are deserters, you know the fate of a deserter, if we go BACK TO THEM. I saw thirteen deserters hung on one gallows in time of the war in Kinston, N. C., for deserting. The boys down here don't want to be hung, and we are going to "stay in the middle of the road." With Guthrie for Governor we will give a decisive victory next November, for our party in this part of North Carolina, and we won't be called deserters by those straddlebugs, but will be called patriarchs. Every straddlebug that is a professional with the title doctor, lawyer, reverend or elder, says: "Old man, how do you like our ticket?" I tell them how can anything good come out of you, for you have defeated eleven free coinage bills in nine years—FIVE IN ONE DAY. Remember they give us Elias for Governor, also Cleveland for President. Echo says our country is ruined, and I have heard hard times repeated more than I ever did with the poor.

THE CAUCASIAN is an educator; the people say they want it but they have not the money to spare. Several have told me just so soon as they get it they will get me to order it for them.

Again we endorse THE CAUCASIAN, the bold stand it takes against the gold combine, straddlebug Democratic party and exposing the same.

I enlisted as a Confederate soldier in the Confederate army and I fought to the finish; and I have enlisted in the reform party and I am going to fight for that cause to the finish.

A WOUNDED SOLDIER.

This Reads Right.

For The Caucasian.]

PIKE, Cumberland Co., N. C., July 18, '96.—The people are eager for the truth, for the vindication of which THE CAUCASIAN has so manfully fought.

There is not an intelligent goldbug in our township. Regardless of party, the people favor the restoration of the old white metal, the money of the Constitution, the currency of the American people.

If we want silver, why can't we all vote for it, and obtain our desire? If Democrats are true to their pretentions, and nominate an honest silver man such as Tillman, Teller, or Sibley, then, in our opinion, it will be the duty of all silverites to support him, and carry themselves in that grand phalanx that must down Mark Hanna, "advance agent of prosperity," thereby wresting the "Star Spangled Banner" from the clutches of those bigoted devotees of the gold standard. But, if Democrats "eat dirt" and sell their country for British gold, then all true patriots of every party should come together at St. Louis and prepare to drive out the greedy money changers from the temple of Liberty.

In State matters the Populists in this section endorse the action of our executive committee. While opposing fusion with goldbugs, they do not wish to aid, in any way whatever, to give a new lease of life to that heartless old machine, now agonizing in the last struggles of a well merited death. Let us "keep in the middle of the road" and only turn aside to crush the machine.

Under the generalship of Msj. W. A. Guthrie for Governor and Dr. Cy. Thompson for Congress, we would "deserve success" and we have reason to believe that we could even "command it."

JOHN D. MCLEOD,
Chm'n Ex. Committee Quewhipple Township.

The Watchword From Johnston.

For The Caucasian.]

FOUR OAKS, N. C., July 8, '96.—The great demo-pluto-lawyer convention is now a thing of the past, and after reading its platform I fail to see how any true Populist can for a moment think of fusion with that gang. There are as true and tried Populists in Johnston county as God's sunshine ever fell on and all that I have talked with say no fusion along that line notwithstanding their pretense to silver. We still remember 1892. Their cursing, abuse, and roughs and rowdys who run our men out of town and rotten-egged our leaders, are too fresh in the memory of true Populists to vote that ticket now. We must watch the legislature. There is where our liberty rests. If we allow that gang to control the legislature we may look out for a Mississippi or South Carolina election law that will forever stand unless obliterated by Providence or perhaps the bayonet. But we must not let them get a chance. Let our watchword be, "save the legislature." "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." If we do our whole duty all will be well. Let us not fail.

G. W. SALMON.

D. S. Moss For Congress.

For The Caucasian.]

NEWSOM, N. C., July 16, '96.—We have seen in your paper, of recent date, that D. S. Moss is spoken of as an available man for the Peo[ple's] Party to nominate for Congres[s] to represent this, the Second, district in Congress. Voicing the sentiments of a large number of the negro voters of the district who are opposed to G. H. White. We are safe in saying that if Moss is the nominee of his party he will poll nearly a third if not one-half the Republican votes of the district.

Young Moss is very popular with us in this section and the men who were favo able to Cheatham say if he is the nominee, they will support him to a man.

Let this young man be put up by the Peoples Party and he will receive a larger vote from us than any man in your party.

H. W. FAULCON,
MAT. BURGESS.

Somebody Looks Like a Fool.

For the Caucasian.]

BURDETTE, N. C., July 17, '96.—I feel like it is time for someone to write something of a congratulating nature to show to the public in general that Union county can boast of having one man in the Democratic party, and an avowed goldbug who has got the principle of a man. In the name of R. B. Redwine, who had the manhood to declare openly that his party had never had such a plank as the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and that if it is a good thing it belonged to the Pops and that the Peoples Party was entitled to the credit of such a measure; and he thought it dishonest in his party to capture that plank; that he believed in honest polities.

Mr. Editor, don't you think he should have a chromo? I glory in this lawyer's principle.

Would to God there was more principle and less hypocrisy in politics to-day and especially in the old parties. Mr. Redwine suggested that the delegates read the platforms of each political party for the past fifty years and see if it was correct. Yes, he is. Certainly he is a man above party if his politics is antagonistic to ours, and I for one esteem him very much for his backbone in so declaring himself.

Now, Mr. Editor, having been more or less amused at some of my neighbors' talk recently, and especially one who claims to be a protective man. He told me sometime ago that free silver would not be an issue this campaign. It looks like somebody is a fool in my township. Don't it to you?

E. C. STILWELL.

Let's Vote Right.

For The Caucasian.]

CROATAN, N. C., July 16, '96.—We, the voters of Craven county, are going to honor ourselves this year by voting right. We want better times. We have been fooled long enough by them and can't be fooled any longer. We are on the right road for better times and we are going to stay right. We are for principle. We have heretofore been voting for party and not principle, and that is the reason our country is in the condition it is to-day.

Come over, one and all, and let's change it; but there will never be a change on this earth for the poor just as long as they follow the two old parties. They have been leading the people right on down to degradation, but they have lost their leading power now. May God grant that it may stay lost, for the people are not going to follow them any longer

B C. HARDISON

Goldbugs Run the Primaries.

For The Caucasian.]

STANLEY, N. C., July 13, '96.—I think we are gaining rapidly in this county. There were only a few Democrats in the primaries. At this place they polled about 60 votes at the last election and there were six in the primaries I have been informed that the chairman made the motions, put the questions, and run things to suit himself. It has been just that way all over the country. The goldbugs run the primaries and the silver men stayed at home.

E. D. THOMPSON,
Chairman Populist Ex. Com. Gaston county.

Rockingham Populists.

For The Caucasian.]

OREGON, July 13, '96.—The Populists of Rockingham county are called to meet in convention at the court house, in Wentworth, on Thursday the 6th day of August, 1896, for the purpose of electing delegates to the various conventions and to elect a chairman of the county executive committee and transact any other business that may come up. The chairman of each township will please call their township meetings for Saturday, August 1st, to elect delegates to the county convention.

W. D. WALL,
Chm'n Ex. Com. Peoples Party Rockingham county.

Give Us Guthrie For Governor.

For The Caucasian.]

ALLIANCE, N. C., July 16, '96.—We are all right in Pamlico. We Pops will elect our ticket in November. We are gaining all the while. We had Bro. King with us at our county meeting in Bayboro. He made a good talk, but it did not suit the Dems. We are "in the middle of the road" and don't propose to be side-tracked by so-called silverites. The Pops down here are all for Guthie for Governor and Skinner for Congress.

B. F. M.

Staying In the Middle of the Road.

For the Caucasian]

BLOOMINGTON, Stanly Co., July 16, '96.—We held our county convention in Albemarle, on last Saturday, to elect delegates to the district convention. We had a large crowd. Men who had never attended a Peoples Party convention before attended and we found all "in the middle of the road." The Republicans appointed a committee at their convention to meet a committee of the Peoples Party for the purpose of fusing in the county election. Our convention did not appoint any committee and will not fuse with any party except on principle.

AARON FURR.

NINTH DISTRICT POPULISTS.

DELEGATES CHOSEN TO THE ST. LOUIS CONVENTION—LONG SET OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Opposed to the Drawing of Sectional Lines and to "Anarchists"—Proud of the Recent Legislature—Delegates to St. Louis Instructed to Keep "in the Middle of the Road."

WAYNESVILLE, July 14.—Pursuant to the call of the chairman of the executive committee of the Populist party of the 9th Congressional district of North Carolina, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to represent this district at St. Louis, on the 22d inst, to select a candidate for President and Vice-President, also for the purpose of calling a convention to select a candidate for Congress in this district, the following action was taken yesterday by the delegates in convention assembled:

The convention at once proceeded to elect delegates to St. Louis, which election showed the selection of the following gentlemen: John M. Queen of Jackson, Thomas B. Long of Buncombe, J. P. Herren of Haywood, Ceburn L. Harris of Rutherford, Alternates: Wm. Bumgarner of Jackson, James N. Morgan of Buncombe, George E. Boggs of Haywood, A. D. K. Wallace of Rutherford.

The Congressional convention was called to meet at Waynesville, Haywood county, on Tuesday, August 25, at 12 m.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered, read, and discussed, and unanimously adopted:

Whereres the present condition of our country demands that patriots meet and consider the best course to pursue to relieve our people of the dire distress under which they are now suffering, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, a portion of the People's Party of the 9th Congressional District of North Carolina in convention assembled, do fully and unequivocally renew our hearty approval of the platform endorsed and promulgated by the national convention of our party held at Omaha, Nebraska, July 4, 1892.

Resolved, That we deprecate and denounce the attempt made at the late convention held at Chicago to draw sectional lines. The people of our country have had enough of secession, and as a party we declare for "one flag," the Stars and Stripes, with an indissoluble Union, knowing no North, South, East, or West. And pray God to everlastingly deliver us from associating with or listening to the advice of anarchists.

Resolved, That the attempt made at Chicago to make us believe they are honestly for silver by a party whose leaders in Congress defeated five times in one day a bill to adopt the free coinage of silver, show beyond cavil of doubt that they have taken the members of our party to be first a non-reading and illiterate set of beings or of exceedingly short memory.

Resolved, That the question of protection to American industries should be thoroughly considered and thoughtfully studied, for the reason that living as we do in the finest undeveloped manufacturing and agricultural country in the world, must we not well weigh the cause that gives to the State of Massachusetts two hundred and fifty dollars per capita while North Carolina has but seven.

Resolved, That with patriotic pride we endorse in general the action of the late legislature of our State, and declare in truth and candor that it was, by a large majority, composed of a band of patriots.

Resolved, That the delegates selected by this convention to represent us at St. Louis July 22 are instructed to keep exactly in the middle of the road, and support no one for President or vice-President who is not in thorough accord with our party and platform in every particular.

Resolved, That we recommend as the organ of our party in this Congressional district "The Sylvan Vally News," published at Brevard, Transylvania county, N. C.

'FRISCO MINT TO COIN SILVER.

Orders From Washington, and Purpose Believed to Be to Give the West an Object Lesson.

New York World.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—On orders from Washington, the coinage of silver at the mint in this city will be resumed at once. These orders, following so closely the nomination of Bryan at Chicago, are believed to have political significance. In the past year little silver has been coined here. Now, according to the plans of Treasury officials, the Pacific coast is to be deluged with silver.

It is the belief here that the administration has two objects in view—to disprove the bimetallists' claim that there is not enough silver in circulation and to divert so much silver coin into the channels of trade as to make business men heartily disgusted with cumbersome coin.

"We will coin not less than $600,000 in silver this month," said Supt. Daggett to-day. "We will do better than that next month, and will continue coinage of silver until other orders are received. We have on hand 11,000,000 ounces of fine silver in bars, and I am of opinion that the bulk of that will be turned into coin rapidly. I have no idea why there is such sudden activity in the coinage of silver."

THE SEABOARD CUTS DEEPER.

The Rates From Atlanta to New York Cut Down to $15, and Freights Go Down 30 Per Cent.

ATLANTA, GA., July 16.—The Seaboard Air Line announces cuts in both freight and passenger rates beginning to-morrow. This is the beginning of what threatens to be a bitter rate war in which Southern and Western rates will be demoralized worse than they were ever before. The passenger rate is cut by the Seaboard from $24 to $15 from Atlanta to New York and it is quietly given out that this is but a starter. Freights are cut fully 30 per cent. into Atlanta from Baltimore. Commissioner Haines, of the Southern States Freight Association would not authorize the Association lines to-day to meet the cut. He was waiting to hear from vice-President St. John, of the Seaboard. The commissioner will make some announcement to-morrow, he stated. Inasmuch as he has called a meeting of the executive board for Tuesday next at Atlanta, it is probable that he will direct the lines to maintain the standard tariff until the board acts.

The Seaboard's management states that the Southern has begun a policy intended to crush it and it is forcing the fighting. If the war becomes general it will be ruinous to some of the roads, but the Seaboard people say they can take care of themselves and claim that they made more money during the war than at any other time.

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MEAN BUSINESS IN CABARRUS.

A Big Meeting Elects Delegates to Conventions—They Promise to Become the Populist Banner County.

For The Caucasian.]

CONCORD, N. C., July 11, '96.—The Peoples Party of Cabarrus met here to-day upon call of Chairman A. H. Hileman. Good crowd present.

Dr. J. S. Grier was made chairman and C. A. Pitts and G. Ed. Kestler, secretaries. Hon. A. H. Hileman as principal and G. Ed. Kestler as alternate, were elected as delegates to St. Louis, from Cabarrus.

The following were elected delegates to the district convention in Edenton, on the 16th inst.: H. B. Parks, E. P. Deal, M. H. Caldwell, J. M. W. Alexander, J. C. Johnston, J. R. Bradford, J. V. Pethell, G. Crawford Goodman, M. L. Klutz, Jno. H. Moore, W. H. Moore, D. F. Barrier, L. B. Linker, Jos. B. White, J. F. Strum, D. H. Caldwell, W. M. Weddington, W. L. Parish, Dr. S. A. Grier, C. A. Pitts and G. Ed. Kestler. A list of alternates were also appointed.

It was the sense of the convention that August 1st was the best time for the county primaries and August 8th for the county convention to elect delegates to the Congressional and State conventions. The executive committee will so order it.

The Pops of Cabarrus mean business and will be the banner Peoples Party county in the State in November.

G. E. K.

THE KILLING OF MISS TILLMAN.

How the Sad Accident Occurred—Miss Tillman But Twenty Years Old.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 16.—Miss Addie Tillman, the eldest child of Senator Tillman, and her escort, the Rev. Robert A. Lee, pastor of the Episcopal church at Yorkville, this State, were killed by the same bolt of lightning at Brevard, N. C., Wednesday afternoon, July 16. They were in a horseback party which had started off to ascend Rich mountain, six miles from Brevard. When nearly at the summit a thunder storm overtook the party. All except Miss Tillman, Mr. Lee and Mr. McNeely rode on to a house some distance ahead. These three stopped for Mr. McNeely to exchange horses with Miss Tillman on account of her horse being afraid of thunder. The rain came up and they sought shelter under some bushes near which was a large oak tree. The tree was struck by lightning which instantly killed Miss Tillman, Mr. Lee and their horses. Mr. McNeely, though a short distance away, was unhurt.

Miss Tillman was twenty years old and would have made her debut in Washington society next winter.

Miss Tillman was expected to reach Raleigh in a few days to visit the family of Dr. Kirby, superintendent of the North Carolina Insane asylum.

The Charlotte Observer commenting on the sad occurrence, says:

"What adds the greater sadness to this pathetic story is that Miss Tillman had plighted her troth to the young Governor of South Carolina, Hon. John Gary Evans, and that they were soon to be married. It is well known that in his charming home circle Senator Tillman seeks and finds a delightful refuge of rest from the cares of political life and the bitterness of the campaign, and this ruthless invasion by death of his happy fireside causes a sorrow which is beyond human sympathy to sooth, and a heart-wound which can only be healed by the tender hand of Him who stroked the silken tresses of the little children of Judea, and who taught us that those who go down to the darkness of the grave shall yet rise again."

BOTH CORPORATION MEN.

Sewall and Hobart Both Suit The "Business Men."

Washington Post.]

The two candidates for vice-President are pretty equally matched, except as to age, Mr. Sewall being a good deal older than Mr. Hobart. Both wear mustaches and each looks as though he was trying to pattern his hair after President Cleveland. They are both corporation men, and rich. Mr. Sewall was President of the Maine Central Railroad for years, and is President of a national bank now. He is at the head of a shipbuilding company, and is interested in many other business enterprises. Mr. Hobart is President of the Passaic Water Company, of the Acquackanonk Water Company, of the Morris County Railroad, and of the Patterson Electric Railway. He is, besides, a director in two other railroad companies, and in two banks, one of them a national bank. He is a director in a lot of other companies, too numerous to mention. There does not seem from a business point of view to be much choice as between the two vice-Presidential candidates.

WILL CLAIM THE BANNER.

The County Which Formerly Gave The Largest Democratic Majority Will Now Turn To The Peoples Party—Senator J Y. Hamrick For Auditor.

BOILING SPRINGS, N. C., July 16.—The county that once proudly bore the banner for the largest Democratic majority in the State expects this year to bear the same honors for the Populists. The honest yeomanry of this county will no longer endorse the action of that party that used such unholy methods to perpetuate its reign here in '94, such as throwing out a township without even a shadow of reason, and adding to and taking from the votes of certain candidates between day of election and meeting of canvassing board. You'll hear from her in November.

The contest in this county over the clerk's office which has been in the courts nearly two years now goes to the Supreme court.

The county Alliance has postponed its meeting in order to meet Rev. J. P. Sossaman on the 15th inst.

The county executive committee of the Peoples Party has ordered township conventions on Saturday, July 25th, for the purpose of electing township committees and delegates to the county convention which meets on Monday, July 27th, to nominate a county ticket and appoint delegates to various conventions. We expect to have Hon. W. R. Henry with us on that day. A treat is in store for all who hear him.

Insomuch as this part of the State has never been honored with a State officer, the friends of Senator J. Y. Hamrick, of this county, will urge his name for State Auditor. He has been loyal to the reform movement from its incipiency, and has spent a great deal of time and money without any returns. He is eminently qualified for the office, and would do honor to the State. No man could win more votes to the ticket in this part of the State than he. Give us Hamrick for Auditor.

J. H. QUINN.

SECRET SESSION DEMOCRATS.

They Must Love Darkness Rather Than Light—For They Meet With Closed Doors.

On the 17th of June there was a convention of the Democratic party of Columbus county for the purpose of appointing delegates to the various Democratic conventions of the State.

And we, the undersigned citizens, members of different political parties having always been taught that political conventions were public, and remembering, too, the captious disposition of the Democratic party to punish those belonging to any other political party for even holding a committee meeting privately, quietly seated ourselves in the most remote part of the court house for the purpose merely of witnessing the proceedings, when we were informed by the chairman that the meeting was strictly Democratic (in language not clearly understood) and that it would no doubt become necessary during the session to discuss matters pertaining to the good of the party that they desired only Democrats to hear. Whereupon a gentlemen of a party other than the Democratic asked an explanation; when we were told by the chairman in a spirit of persion and without further explanation that he was astounded that those present were so low as not to depart instantly. The chairman was no doubt convinced from the scattered audience which consisted of two or three men here and there seated over the house, that he could explain nothing without conceding a lost cause.

We need not require any stronger evidence of their weakness than this desire on their part to hold conventions with closed doors

Be it remembered by all the treatment which Mr. S. Otho Wilson received at the hands of the d—n old party in '92. He haying been accused openly of some secret work.

D. M. MCRACKAN,
D. M. BAIN,
W. H. DYSON,
H. B. REGISTER,
J. D. MAULTSBY.

THE POPS IN ONSLOW.

They Select Delegates and Appoint a Conference Committee.

The Populist convention of Onslow county assembled at Jacksonville, July 6th, 1896, and was called to order by the temporary chairman, H. E. King. Dr. J. L. Nicholson and T. Lafayette King were appointed secretarys pro tem. The temporary organization was made permanent.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson was elected a delegate to the St. Louis convention. F. D. Koonce Jr., alternate.

The following were elected as delegates to the State convention: W. M. Barbee, F. D. Koonce, Sr, H. E. King, A. F. Farnell, Jr., Ralph Pender, George T. Walton, J. R. Bryant, George W. Lewis, Lewis Marine and E. W. Farnell.

The gentlemen named below were elected delegates to the Congressional convention: Dr. J. L. Nicholson, T. Lafayette King, R. C. Davis, F. D. Shaw, J. E. Rhodes, W. W. Russell, John Marshborn, R. L. Franck, H. E. King, H. W. Humphrey, Brantley King, C. S. Howitt, A. T. Brown, and R. H. Jarmon.

The following were elected as delegates to the Senatorial convention: J. G. Barbee, J. N. Lanier, John Dawson, H. H. Shepard, D. W. Smith, E. W. Farnell, J. M. Bishop, E. J. Newbolds, J. B. Olive, L. K. Hurst; Alonzo Redd; Wm. King, Asa King, and J. W. Franck.

WHEREAS, the Republican party of Onslow county has appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Peoples Party of Onslow county in regard to the election of State, county, and Congressional officers in the year 1896, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That F. D. Koonce, Sr., J. R. Franck, A. F. Farnell Jr., J. B. Olive, T. J. Jarmon, G. T. Walton, R. C. Davis, J. M. Bishop, Ralph Bender and C. S. Hewitt with H. E. King, chairman, and J. L. Nicholson and T. Lafayette King secretaries of this convention, be and they are hereby appointed, a committee of conference to receive the proposition offered by said Republican committee, and consider the same and report to the county convention of the Peoples Party to be hereafter assembled to select candidates for county officers.

H. E. KING,
Chairman.

J. L. NICHOLSON,
T. LAFAYETTE KING,
Secretaries

ALL "TRUE BLUE."

A Straight Middle of The Road Ticket From President Down.

For The Caucasian.]

SYLVIA, Jackson County, N. C., July 18.—As the national convention approaches, we hear a great deal said about fusion &c. &c. If we want to get into confusion why just fuse and we will be there. The Pops in Jackson county are for a "middle of the road" ticket from township baliff to President. Our county executive committee met Monday, the 16th, and decided not to do anything until after the 22nd.

We are "true blue" those of us who have the "grit and grace" enough to renounce the old parties. I think them to be too corrupt for anyone to affiliate with but office seekers, boodlers and cranks. We know them to be disloyal to the laboring classes of the United States. Give us a good tried and true Populist for President.

The Republicans and Democrats of this county are very eager to get the co-operation of the "Pops," but unless one or both endorse our candidate there will be no fusion. STICK A PIN HERE.

We are proud of our "Mary Ann," and the record he made in the United States Senate.

Give us scores of such men and before the year 1900 trusts, combines, goldbugs, Judas' and Arnolds' would be scarcer than hen's teeth.

Let us rally to the cause we advocate and the principles we set forth to the world, and next November victory will crown our efforts.

If this does not find its way to the waste basket I will try to come again. I am,

A. REFORMER.

"WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN"

The Promises of Two and Four Years Ago—What Means This Sudden Turn of The Democratic Party.

LEXINGTON, N. C., July 11.—WHAT A STRANGE STATE OF THINGS! The people of the United States have virtually been living under what is called the GOLD STANDARD ever since the repeal of the Sherman law in 1893, and have learned by sad experience the ruinous effect upon every honest industry in the land. This law, known as the Sherman law, that gave us about FIFTY-TWO MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR of good money, was repealed at the behest of Grover Cleveland. The repeal of that law, has not only caused untold suffering from one end of our land to the other, buried us beneath a debt of millions of dollars, depreciated our property fifty per cent. in the dollar, but it has well nigh killed the Democratic party, and Grover Cleveland is covered in infamy.

What a spectacle to behold!

Yet with all this before the eyes of the outraged people what do we see? Answer. We see the great Republican party, as it assembles into national convention, to make a national platform and nominate its candidate for the Presidency. When assembled what do they do? Answer. They adopt the GOLD STANDARD, a thing as a party, it never dared to do before, and they virtually endorse the administration of Grover Cleveland on the great monetary question.

I wonder if they think the people are a set of fools? If so they may learn better next November.

But strange things have also occurred in the Democratic camp hard to understand. We free silver men have not forgotten four and two years ago. We well remember that they lauded Grover Cleveland to the skies four years ago and declared that he had more brains than his party, and when we denounced him then, as being an enemy to the free coinage of silver, we were charged as being a "slanderer" of Grover Cleveland, and the people were assured by their stump speakers all over the country that Grover Cleveland was in favor of the free coinage of silver and pledged in the most solemn manner, that if the people would only give them "one more chance," that they would give them free silver. They were given that chance, but what did they do? Answer. Repealed the only law favorable to silver.

Now they declare that they are in favor of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, hiss at the name of Grover Cleveland. Great Scott! What next? But they claim that they have not changed. Well if that be true, we would like for them to explain why they used rotten eggs so freely on free silver advocates two and four years ago.

I am for free silver, viz, the coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and would gladly welcome all TRUE CONVERTS into our free silver ranks. But I must confess, that I feel like saying to my Democratic friends that are now declaring they are now in favor of the free coinage of silver, when and where were you converted?

"Bring therefore fruits, meet for repentance" &c.

The question with the people is, has the Democratic party declared for the free coinage of gold and silver in order to save, or resusitate their almost dead party, or are they really in earnest? Yes, we must know by what you are actuated.

GEO. E. HUNT.

Ransom Is Out.

Atlanta Constitution, 5th.]

It is given out in the press dispatches that ex-Senator Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina, at present minister to Mexico, will not attend the Chicago convention, and that he "is out of politics forever."

Mr. Ransom will not be the only figure conspicuous by his absence from Chicago. After having landed North Carolina into the arms of Populism because of his abandonment of Democracy for the emoluments of Clevelandism, it is no wonder that Mr. Ransom is "out of politics forever." Like his fellow diplomat, Bayard, whose state was reliably Democratic until stricken by the patronage blight, he may sport a while abroad and return to oblivion when he takes up his abode once more among the honest Tarheels, who will have been demoralized, but who did not allow themselves to be delivered over to the money power.

Clifton R. Breckenridge, with his knee breaches and embroidered jacket, finds more welcome in Russia than he does among Arkansas, whose suffrages he betrayed. There are many more of the same stripe who sold out their party during the discussion of the Sherman repeal bill under assurances that, if defeated for re-election in 1894, they would be taken care of. They are now chewing the end of remorse, forgotten but not forgiven.

Only One Country.

Boston Budget.]

General Longstreet in telling of some of his experiences in the war, said that during the campaign of the peninsula he never had any opportunity of sleeping except as his corps was passing him. One night, as he had dismounted, leaving his horse in the charge of his orderly, and going down into the angles of one of those Virginia fences, he overheard two soldiers talking which interested him considerably, and, instead of sleeping he listened to them. One soldier said to the other: "I suppose it's all right that we should march all night and fight by day. Of course it is right that we should do that for the love of country, if nothing else. I suppose that we should be poorly clothed, as we are, for the love of country, We should endure it. s[o] I suppose that to be poorly fed, as we are, we should suffer for the love of the country. Of course we should do that. And I suppose, when you come to that, that we should die, if necessary, for the love of country. I am willing to. But there is just one thing that I want to say, that if ever I live to get out of this I'll be d——d if I will ever have another country."

Andrew Jackson, the great Democrat, gave utterance to the following sentiments: "No power on earth, so help me God, shall control the key to nation's funds but the United States government itself." And yet this government put itself in the hand of a syndicate and pay that syndicate some eight or ten millions of dollars for doing what the government has shown it could have done and saved all the money which it paid for the service of the syndicate

PURE POLITICAL GOSPEL.

Time For Honest Men to Walk Out of the Old Parties—Some Figures Showing That They Are Walking Out.

NEWPORT, N. C., July 6, '96.—The Peoples Party is gaining ground in Carteret. Almost every voter in my neighborhood is a Populist. In 1892 there was only one Peoples Party man here, thirteen Democrats and nine Republicans. Now we stand twenty-two Peoples Party, five Democrats, and one Republican. Perhaps they will come over by November.

The Peoples Party is gaining ground all over the country. The people seem to realize what they have been doing and what they have been getting for it. We have been getting hard times every year, and it all comes by bad legislation of the old gold standard parties. The people down here want free silver, and we see from the past that we will never get it by voting the old party tickets. Heretofore I have been a Republican, but seeing the old party is ruled by the money kings, I can not follow it any longer. I see there is more true Republicanism in the Peoples Party; standing hand in hand with true Democracy, holding out "equal rights to all and special privileges to none." What more can we ask for? Knowing what these old parties have promised us and seeing they have broken every promise, I feel it is high time for every laboring man who loves principle and liberty to come out of the old corrupt parties that have been fooling us so long.

We know we have been fooled time after time, but should we be fooled again it will be our fault. The case is made too plain for us to be blinded as we have been. I see it is the duty of every free silver man that wants good government to take off his old, faded party cloak, and put on the new robe of reform; enlist under the Peoples Party banner and thus save the nation from the clutches of the gold gamblers.

D. J. HALL.

NOTED KANSAS BOLTER.

McKinley Running on a Cleveland Platform is Too Much.

Missouri World.

Ed. C. Little, of Abilene, who was Consul at Cairo, Egypt, under President Cleveland, has bolted the Republican party on account of the financial plank of the St. Louis platform. In an interview he says:

"The nomination of Major McKinley on a Grover Cleveland platform marks the end of an era, and the beginning of another in politics. It is the hand of Esau, but the voice of Jacob. Party lines are destroyed and there will be another alignment of political organizations. They can call it the Republican party, but that does not make it such. You might call a catamount a kangaroo, but she would not carry her young in a pouch. If the Republicans changed from protection to free trade, would this still be the Republican party? The Republican national conventions of 1888 and 1892 declared for bimetallism and a double standard. There could not be a more positive abandonment of their former position. The gold standard platform is a direct challenge to every self-respecting bimetallist and especially to those in Kansas who have felt that the free coinage of silver is the only bimetallism possible. Over and over Kansas Republicans have resolved for free coinage. What will they do? I have an abiding conviction that free coinage is by "interest and tradition," the proper policy for Kansas and I propose to vote that way if I am the only man in the State who does so.

"We have had years of the present gold standard and wheat is selling for 30 cents to-day in Abilene. While they are legislating for the factories I'd like to see them put in a law or two for the farmers. I live in a farming community, and I believe with Prof. Laughlin, the gold standard authority, that free coinage would give us better prices for farm products, and that is what I wish to see. I think with Senator Teller that a maintenance of the present financial system will continue the depreciation of agricultural products which we have felt for years. It is a question of self-preservation for Kansas."

A REGULAR CORPORATION MAN.

The Democratic Ticket Like a Wasp—It Has Its Sting In Its Tail.

The Rutherfordton correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says:

"In yesterday's Observer you say, We have no idea in the world who Mr. Sewall is who was nominated yesterday at Chicago for Vice-President. Mr. Gallert, of this town, a former resident of Maine, tells me that he is acquainted with Arthur Sewall (as the name is spelled) and that he is a successful business man. He is very rich and a large owner of stock in railroads. For several years he was president of the Maine Central Railroad, the largest corporation in Maine, and is to-day a very heavy stockholder in the Boston, Maine & New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads, the leading Railroads in New England, and in addition has very large investments in the West. He is also a heavy stockholder in the Maine Water Company, controlling most of the water works in the State of Maine. But Mr. Sewall's principal occupation is ship-building, and in that business he is continuing the occupation of his ancestors. The Sewalls own probably the largest ship-building plant at Bath, Maine, and that means the largest in New England. He is also president of a national bank at his home, Bath. In politics he has been prominent as a candidate on several occasions for the nomination of Governor on the Democratic ticket, but has never received the party nomination. One of your telegrams from Chicago says that he was for several years chairman of the State committee, but this Mr. Gallert tells me, is not true."

Hitting 'em Hard.

Hickory Mercury.]

Last Thursday, the Charlotte Observer said Illinois Democrats had disgraced themselves in renominating Altgeld for Governor. Said it would not be so bad, if there was a chance to beat him; but as it is, the Observer said there were enough criminals outside the jails and penitentiary with the other voters he will get to elect him. This is hard on his party.

BURKE COUNTY AND SILVER.

A Rousing Resolution Adopted By American Citizens Who Defy Foreign Financial Rule.

DELEGATES ARE ELECTED

To The State and National Silver Conventions—Expression of Sentiment Showing How The Spirit of Party Independence Is Spreading.

Pursuant to the call of Mr. John H. Pearson, the Chairman of the silver party of Burke county, the party assembled in mass meeting, at the court house, in Morganton July 4th.

Mr. John H. Pearson called the house to order and on motion was made permanent chairman. Frank S. Drury was made secretary.

The object of the meeting was stated to be to elect delegates to St. Louis and to Raleigh to see if all free silver men could find some common ground upon which they could unite and fight their common enemy—the "goldbug".

Messrs. A. G. Corpening and Jno. H. Pearson were elected delegates to St. Louis. Mr. Pearson moved that the chair appoint the delegates to Raleigh. Motion prevailed. The following named gentlemen were announced as delegates to Raleigh on a day to be hereafter named: Messers W. T. Henderson, P. J Hallyburton, Dr. E. S. Warlick, F. C. Ferguson A. H. Giles, J. F. Battle and Samuel Puett.

Mr. Wm. Pearson said that all people have an interest in silver regardless of party name. He said among other things that the Democratic nominee for the Presidency had been from New York for twenty-five years past and that he wanted no more New York goods; that they were too familiar with the wishes of Wall street. He said that the best way to know a candidate was to see whether New England goldbugs were voting for him or not; that if they supported him, that was prima facie evidence that he would'nt do. He said that the Democratic party might settle on fooling the people again but would not fool him. He said he left his party a few years ago for the Democratic party, but since its treatment of silver he was ready to leave it if there was the slightest probability of this policy being continued; that if assurance was not made doubly sure that it would not be, he would leave the party. He introduced the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:

"RESOLVED, That we earnestly urge a sincere and patriotic union of all the silver forces of the country against the election of the McKinley ticket and the adoption of the Cleveland-Carlisle financial platform put forth at St. Louis, believing as we do that all the gold men are at least friends and that we cannot hope to overcome them by anything short of a complete fusion between the silver men of all parties in the West and the silver men of all parties in the South. We instruct our delegates to the St. Louis convention to be governed by the spirit of this resolution in all their votes."

Mr. Pearson said also (I quote from memory) since Mr. Cleveland's financial policy had been adopted, the life-long Democratic States of Kentucky, Maryland and others had left the party and that the "Old North State" had even been lost.

Prof. Patton was then called for who responded in a short, concise and pointed speech. He said that it was a fallacy to say that America would be made the dumping ground for more silver than we need under free coinage; that if England wanted to send her silverware over she would be charged for mintage and in that we would be benefited, and that after she had her silver coined that she would have to trade it for our surplus products and in that we would be benefited as it certainly takes two to make a trade; that if she did'nt want to trade she could keep her silver or just dump it and no harm done.

The convention, which was composed of a large number of representative men from different parts of the county, then adjourned.

The writer would like to add that if all the people were as intelligent as those who composed this meeting, the scheme of the money lords concocted to rob the people of one-half of their medium of exchange would come to naught.

If those anxious to profit by the loss of nearly every individual of a whole nation and those who blindly follow them are dependent on such men as composed the convention of July 4th for success, they will be sadly and disastrously left. This convention seemed to believe that money good from the foundation of the world to 1873 would still be good under the same circumstances, and that the hollow, groundless twaddle of those theorizing about its becoming worth less than par would not be believed in preference to their own actual experience; that it is not a theory that confronts us but a condition. Their demeanor showed that they would not help the enemy rob the country though he wear the cloak of their chosen party. They showed that they realized that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and that every proposition to rob the people would be treated with the contempt that it deserved. They showed that they were worthy sons of the patriots of '76; that they would not surrender like imbeciles their blood bought liberties.

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THAT 99 YEAR RAILROAD LEASE.

The Republican and Democratic State conventions passed over in silence the lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern railway company. It is hardly probable that so important a matter was overlooked. The mighty power of this great corporation, even thus early in the "century" of its new lease, make the politicians tremble. The next Governor of North Carolina, the two Supreme Court Justices to be elected, and the incoming Legislature will decide whether the N. C. R. R., built to develop North Carolina and her seaports, is to pass for a century into the hands of a foreign corporation hostile to the best interests of North Carolina.

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Under the thirty years lease the Richmond & Danville railroad paid six per cent. interest on the $4,000,000 of stock of the N. C. R. R.; $3,000,000 of which belonged to the State, and $1,000,000 to the private stockholders. The N. C. R. R., according to the report of the Railroad Commissioners for 1895, cost $4,975,627.50—originally $4,000,000 of construction bonds were issued. The $975,627.50 has been expended out of the earnings of the road, so that the actual cash cost of the road approximates $5,000,000.

Under the ninety-nine year lease the State of North Carolina and the private stockholders are to receive for the first six years a rental of $266,000 per annum and for the remaining ninety-three years of the lease $286,000 per annum. That is, the State and private stockholdes are to receive $6,000 and 6½ per cent. on $4,000,000 for six years, and $6,000 and seven per cent. on $4,000,000 for ninety-three years. In addition taxes are to be paid by the Southern railway company.

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It is said that this is a most excellent trade on the part of the State. Let us consider whether this deal for a century is any better than the thirty years' lease of unsavory memory. Allowing that the North Carolina railroad is worth only its actual cost, to-wit, $4,975,627.50, the Southern railway pays 5.34 per cent. the first six years of the lease, and 5.62 per cent. for ninety-three years. The difference between the real per cent. paid on actual cost, and 6½ per cent. for six years and seven per cent. for ninety-three years on this same actual cost, to-wit, $4,975,627.50, would amount at the expiration of the ninety-nine years' lease to $6,695,829.75, and that, too, without one cent of even simple interest on the semi-annual payments. The pretense that the State is receiving 6½ per cent. and seven per cent. on her investment is untenable.

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The aggregate value, as taken from the Auditor's reports, of the real and personal property as listed for taxation in the fourteen counties through which the N. C. R. R. runs, was, in 1871, the year of the first lease, $26,854,353. In 1895 the value of the same was $63,851,493, an increase of $36,997,140, or 137 per cent. increase in the wealth listed for taxation. The population of these fourteen counties, according to the census of 1870, was 232,212. In 1890 the population of the same territory was 334,735; allowing the same ratio of increase, the population of these fourteen counties approximated in 1895, 371,555, an increase of 44 per cent. Ought not the rental of the N. C. R. R. to be higher now than in 1871?

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In 1871 North Carolina bonds were worth forty cents on the dollar. N. C. R. R. bonds were worth the same. By the judgment of the United States Circuit court in the Swasey suit these bonds were declared a lien on the State's stock in the N. C. R. R. This decision was unjustifiable and would have been reversed by the Supreme Court of the United States on appeal. Such appeal was withdrawn by "consent," and the holders of these bonds worth only forty cents on the dollar received in their stead new six per cent. bonds worth now 130 on the market.

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All political parties should unite in having the lease declared invalid. The writer has no hostility to the Southern railway, nor to any corporation, but he believes in State control, at least, of its own roads. If the ninety-nine year lease is allowed to stand, it is but a question of time when the Southern railway company will own or control all the railroads in North Carolina. Already it has its covetous eye fastened upon the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley. It does not wish at present to absorb the entire system, but only a part of it. The C. F. & Y. V. system is next to the N. C. R. R. and the A. & N. C. necessary for the development of North Carolina. This road was chartered and built by native North Carolinians for the development of North Carolina. The incorporators found that they, unaided, had attempted more than they could accomplish. Our State constitution forbade direct State aid, and therefore the managers of the C. F. & Y. V. resorted to a very transparent device to circumvent the constitution. They went before the State Legislature, offering mortgage bonds of the road in exchange for convict labor upon engineers' estimate of its worth. They obtained all the labor they needed. At the next meeting of the Legislature they again appeared showing that they had fulfilled their contract, and asking for a return of the mortgage bonds already given and another grant of convict labor to be paid for with mortgage bonds similar to those returned.

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The road was gradually built westward, and such was the popularity of the road and such the unanimity of the counties along the proposed lines of the road to be built that very little opposition was made to these indirect evasions of the State constitution.

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The Richmond & Danville railroad had already built a branch road from Greensboro to Winston. This branch road was extended so as to tap the line of the C. F. & Y. V. at Sedge Garden. This was done to cut off the Yadkin Valley branch of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. which promised to be the most productive and strongly supporting feeders of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. This extension of the Richmond & Danville system inflicted a severe blow on the C. F. & Y. V., and contributed as much as anything else to its final overthrow.

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The Southern railway company has already fallen heir to the Western North Carolina railroad. If the ninety-nine year lease holds good, and it undoubtedly will, unless the people of North Carolina demand of the various candidates for Governor, and the candidates for the Legislature, REGARDLESS OF PARTY, that the validity of the lease be tested in the courts of justice, then the Southern railway company will disrupt the C. F. & Y. V. system, absorb the most valuable portion and thus fall heir to the donations of the State in the shape of convict labor.

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The interests of the State will be ignored, and with these North Carolina systems of railroads in the hands of foreign syndicates North Carolina will be a strip of territory for other States to prey upon.

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Nearly all political corruption proceeds from railroads. Unless the lease of the N. C. R. R. is broken up, it is only a question of time before the Southern railway company will own or control all the railroads in the State. WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE While the people are carried away in their zeal to restore silver to its proper function as money "the Philistines will be upon Sampson."

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Our sister State, Tennessee, is dominated by the Louisville & Nashville railroad. Hon. James Malone in a letter to Prof. Chas. W. Dabney, of the University of Tennessee, says that the President of the L. & N. R. R. in his office in Louisville, Ky., forbids the people of Tennessee to hold a much needed constitutional convention for fear that a clause may be inserted in the new constitution torbidding railways to lease or purchase parallel lines. May North Carolina never have a railroad "boss." I regret, Mr. Editor, that the public cannot find out the profits made by the Southern railway company in operating the N. C. R. R.

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The semi-annual payments made into the State treasury are not to be regarded gratuities from the Southern railway company but only as a small part of the profits made out of North Carolinians in the course of business. I have been informed that the Southern railway company pays a Georgia railroad twelve per cent., six per cent. on stock and six per cent. on bonds. This may be an error. When, as chairman of the Alliance committee, suit was instituted in my name to test the validity of the ninety-nine year lease, a newspaper reporter represented Judge Walter Clark as saying, "the doors of justice have been thrown open." THOSE DOORS WERE SHUT AND FASTENED. Will not the people of North Carolina, regardless of party, see to it that the next Governor of North Carolina and his Attorney General shall open wide the gates of Justice, and will they not see to it that the Supreme Court Justices to be elected are men irreproachable in character and fearless in the discharge of their duties. JOHN GRAHAM

Ridgeway, N. C., July 12th, 1896.

A RATHER "RATTY" RALLY.

Last week the Democrats undertook to "celebrate" the Chicago nominations by a "grand rally" in Raleigh. They boomed the coming event in the papers; they buttonholed the faithful and beat up the bushes generally. They put up a lot of flags in Metropolitan Hall, appointed a list of speakers and done about powerfully.

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The time came. The hall will seat four hundred and twenty people. It WAS NOT HALF full. Many Democrats who were there looked with contempt and derision at the little crowd who composed a part of a gang that had stolen most of the Peoples Party platform, and were trying to boom it as their own.

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We did not hear all the speakers. Mr. E. W. Pou and Judge MacRae had addressed the audience before we arrived. We heard Mr. H. C. Cline. He quoted a lot of live facts and statistics which he must have learned from some Populist book or paper, for no Democratic publication on this earth has ever printed them. It was "hot stuff" he gave the little crowd, and it was the first time most of them had ever heard it. It was just what Democratic papers and speakers have either heretofore kept hidden, or denounced as anarchy when Populists taught it.

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Mr. B. R. Lacy gave the crowd the dry grins when he said that AT LAST the Democratic party had a platform which could be told from the Republican platform when they were put side by side. Ah! we thought. And whose platform have the Democrats AT LAST got? And we laughed; and some Democrats who are honestly in favor of giving the Populists credit for having lashed the Democratic party into declaring for genuine Populist principles also laughed—significantly.

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Mr. C. F. Lumsden was the next speaker. He was a representative of the "working men." Democrats always honor "working men" by letting them speak, but THAT'S ALL. That's all the use Dems have for the horny-handed sons of toil. But many of the "working men" are always "sensible of the high honor" thus shown them, and for that HONOR many of them have stuck to the Democratic party.

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Mr. F. M. Simmons came next. He astounded us. He actually "cussed out" Wall street. A few years ago there was not a Democrat in the State who knew there was a Wall street; or if he did he wouldn't say so. And he said further, he believed the great majority of Populists in North Carolina were honest. We were stunned. We were stupified! This is the very first time that we have ever heard from any old Democratic partyite any expression to the effect that Populists were honest. Up to this time the Democracy had denounced the Populists as cranks, rascals, "nigger-loving" scoundrels, anarchists &c. And besides all this, Democrats had t rown rotten eggs at Populists, and tried to disturb and break up Populist meetings.

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And we again thought: "Oh, generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Yes, these Democrats were fleeing from the storm that threatened to engulf them. For safety they had stolen a part of the Peoples Party platform on which to stand, for they had at last seen that it was their only salvation. And then in a maudlin attempt to appease the people whom they had abused with all the venom that the devil can inspire in man; in an effort to conciliate the people whom they had just tried to rob, these Democrats at last say something about Populists being honest.

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The disdain, the contempt we feel for any such proceedure as this is utterly unutterable.

THE REPUBLICANS IN NORTH CAROLINA MADE A GREAT MISTAKE.

The Philadelphia American is one of the ablest Republican papers in the country. It is edited by Hon. Wharton Barker, a man of marked ability who has given a great deal of thought and study to economic questions. In his paper he contends ably for the restoration of the money of the Constitution and advocates the sound financial views of Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln. We clip the following editorial from the issue of that paper of May 2d:

"The Republicans of North Carolina decline to continue their fusion with the Populists of that State, by which the two parties obtained control of the State government, and chose two national Senators. That the Republicans of the State are convinced at present of the Sound Money platform, and cannot support the free silver policy without doing violence to their consciences, is what we are asked to believe in the dispatches. We find the belief difficult. If the Republican party throughout the South were not so easily manipulated from Washington, we should have much more respect for its decisions of such questions. In that case we should find it supporting a monetary policy in harmony with the needs of its own section, rather than one which was dictated by its political mentors in the North. All over the South we have seen Republican State conventions this year, meeting to choose their delegates to the St. Louis convention, and uttering declarations about silver, as though they had gone to the bottom of the question. If there were in these conventions men of a higher calibre than to play parrot to Northern leaders, the fact is hidden from us and from the country. The Republicans of the South are so much controlled by the promise and respect of national patronage, as to make their declarations of no real significance. Were it otherwise the States of the farther West would be heavily reinforced from that section, in which all classes have suffered so severely from the continuance of the gold standard.

Senator Pritchard and his Republican associates should have accepted the proposal of Senator Butler and other Populists to continue fusion on the basis of the declaration of principles presented by the editor of The American last January, and signed by sixteen Republican Senators, among them being Senator Pritchard himself."

The resolution on the financial question and the tariff which the Peoples Party committee agreed to accept as a basis of co-operation with the Republicans was prepared last January in a conference between Hon. Wharton Barker, editor of the Philadelphia American, and the sixteen Republican Senators who signed it. The other Republican Senators from the West who signed this resolution were no doubt surprised to learn that it had been rejected by the Republican State committee of this State.

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SUGGESTION TO COUNTY CLERKS.

We wish to call the especial attention of County Clerks to section 7, of the new election law. It provides:

That on or before the first Monday of September next, preceding every election, the clerks in their several counties shall appoint, upon the written recommendation of approval of the chairman of the state executive committee of each political party of the state, one citizen and qualified voter from each of said political parties of and for each election precinct, who shall be able to read and write the English language, and who shall be known, for the duties required of them under this act, as registrars of election in their respective precincts. And on or before the first Monday of the month next preceding any election, the clerk shall appoint, upon the recommendation of the respective chairman as aforesaid, one citizen and qualified voter of each party, as aforesaid, of and for each election precinct, able to read and write as aforesaid, who shall be known, for the duties required of them under this act, as judges of election in their respective precincts; and the registrars and judges of election, when so appointed and qualified, shall constitute the precinct board of election:

Reference to this section will show that there must be no appointment of registrars or poll holders until they have taken an oath of office.

We would suggest that it might be well and convenient for such Clerks and County chairmen as may attend the Peoples Party convention, to have their lists of registrars and poll holders ready by that time so that they may be approved by the State chairman, as required by law. This course would expedite the performance of an important duty. The between the holding of the convention and the first Monday in September gives only two weeks for the selection of registrars and approval of same by the State chairmen of the different political parties.

THE STING IN ITS TAIL.

"All the indications go to show that in Mr. Sewall the Democrats have caught an "angel" of the William E. English shape."—Washington Post.

Yes, they have put "old moneybags" on the ticket to furnish campaign boodle and to tickle the "business men." It is highly important for many reasons that the man for second place should be the same kind of a man as the head of the ticket. There is more danger of the head of the ticket dying when there is a desirable man from a "business point of view" waiting to take his shoes. Besides one man on the ticket should have been from the South. The South and West must be linked on the same ticket this year. The sting is in the tail of this ticket.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

"The People's Party is a good deal like the Irishman's fence. He built it of stone; it was twice as wide as it was high. He explained that if it blew over it would be higher than it ever was. Every time the old parties turn the new one over it appears about twice as high as it was. It is now a condition and not a theory that confronts them."

In bolting the Republican convention, Senator Dubois said: "This convention is a rich man's convention, a bankers' convention—gold-bugs and monopolists. It's a bondholders' convention and, therefore, it is perfectly appropiate to select a Jewish Rabbi for chaplain and two railway attorneys for chairman."

Union working men and their friends should not forget that the Mark Hanna who was high mogul of the McKinley boom, and who is now the chairman of the Republican national committee, is the same Hanna who a few years ago denounced all forms of organized labor as a d—n nuisence that ought to be abolished by law, and who, even today favors foreigners and cheap labor in preference to organized American mechanics in his many iron industries.

James B. Lloyd, *en route* for the St. Louis convention, stated to the editor of THE CAUCASIAN that he attended the Peoples Party convention of Bertie, on July 14th, and addressed a very large and enthusiastic gathering. He reports the Peoples Party as gaining rapidly in that county. The convention was thoroughly representative, and the Pops are preparing for a live and vigorous campaign.

Congressman W. F. Strowd makes an announcement elsewhere that will be of interest to young men and boys in the Fourth Congressional District. It concerns the Bingham school scholarship.

Unless the editor of the News and Observer wants to spoil Mr. Bryan's chances in North Carolina he should stop booming himself in his own paper for a place in the cabinet. Sewall is a heavy load on the ticket. There is no use of embarrassing it further.

Hon. Mann Page, of Virginia, President of the National Farmers' Alliance, has consented to be with the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance and address the brethren either on the 13th or 14th of August, during our annual session. We hope to get special reduced rates on railroads for this occasion, and will let the members and friends know of it as soon as made. We expect thousands of our people present at that time.—Alliance Weekly.

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A VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLES PARTY.

THOSE WHO ONCE SCOFFED NOW PRETEND TO PRAY—WILL THEY DECEIVE US AGAIN?

The Old Partyites Driven To Confess Their Error—By Declaring For What The Peoples Party Has Advocated—The story of King Solomon and The Two Children—Who Is The Mother of Right and Justice.

For The Caucasian.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—Both old parties, with their checkered and discredited records have had their say. All eyes turn to the action of the giant young Peoples Party at St Louis this week. There has never been any doubt as to what this conventon would do. It is true that a few Populists, with more enthusiasm than judgment, rushed hastily into print, and said that their party would endorse the action of the Democratic convention; but even these, upon a second sober thought, have seen their error. The people of the country know to whom the credit of forcing the financial question to the front as the overshadowing issue of the coming campaign is due. The politicians of both parties made a desperate effort to continue to keep this question in the background, as they have been doing for twenty years; and to again force a sham battle over the tariff and other minor issues. It was the Peoples Party that opened the eyes of the country, in spite of the old politicians, to the real truth and issue. They have shelled the woods around the old party politicians, and have driven them from their hiding places of deception and fraud.

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The Democratic and Republican politicians in 1892 agreed to write their financial plank so nearly alike that not even the members of their own party could tell them apart. The Peoples party exposed this game, and smashed their future straddling schemes. In sheer desperation the Republicans were this time forced to declare squarely for the gold standard, as were the Democratic politicians for free silver. But, had it not been for the existence of, and the light thrown upon the situation by the Peoples Party, these old politicians would have again straddled this question, and again written their planks so nearly alike that the authors of them could not have told them apart. So far, this is a tremendous victory for the Peoples Party, and every honest voter in America owes it a vote of thanks for thus drawing the issue squarely and forcing the hypocrites to take a stand.

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Thus the political atmosphere has been cleared—thus an opportunity has been given to all who oppose the rule of monopoly and the gold trust to see how and where they can unite in a common effort for the cause of humanity. The follower of Lincoln, who has been so long deceived by the Republican party, now, since that party has openly declared for monopolies and the gold trusts, will at once join the Peoples Party; the follower of Jefferson and Jackson, who for a quarter of a century has been fooled and betrayed by the Democratic party, will now, of course, since that party has confessed its treachery and betrayal, join the Peoples Party. Every voter in the country knows that the Peoples Party was formed because these old parties had deserted the fundamental principles of Jefferson and Lincoln; and, inasmuch as the financial question has been and always will be the greatest economic question of any government, and, inasmuch as the treachery of these old parties has been greater on that vital question than on any other, the Peoples Party at its birth planted itself firmly on the principles of true Republicanism and true Democracy, and declared that financial reform was the overshadowing issue.

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Every voter knows also that when the Peoples Party took this position the Democratic leaders, north, south, east and west, as well as the Republican leaders, at once denounced the Peoples Party leaders as "silver cranks" and "financial heretics." None were louder than the Democratic politicians in declaring that the financial system of this country was all right; in fact they said that we had the best financial system the world ever saw, and further declared that the tariff was the only great issue before the country. But, during these four years the Peoples Party has so thoroughly convinced the masses of the voters of the country as to the real cause of hard times that now these same Democratic politicians are forced to confess that they were wrong and that the Peoples Party was right. Now, who will the voter, who believes in free silver and financial reform, follow? Can he afford to trust the leaders whose action at Chicago was a confession that they have in the past either ignorantly or wilfully fooled the people, or will he follow the leadership of those whose patriotism and courage has forced to the front this great and vital question? The voters are terribly in earnest, and who have shown their sincerety and their honesty from the beginning. Therefore, the action of the Democrats at Chicago in nominating Mr. Bryan and in declaring that the Peoples Party platform was right, will add wonderful strength to the ranks of the Peoples Party; for the voters now see by the confessions of the old parties that they will be right in following the leadership of the Peoples Party.

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The voters know further that inasmuch as the existence and growth of the Peoples Party has forced the Democratic party into making this declaration, that if the Peoples Party were to disband to-morrow that these leaders who have been unwillingly forced to declare for the truth would, at their next national convention, backslide into their old party grooves of monopoly subserviency. Yes, the voters know that what good has already been accomplished is due to the Peoples Party, and they know further that if this country is ever redeemed from foreign domination, and prosperity restored, that it must come through the Peoples Party. Therefore, when the Peoples Party at St. Louis nominates its candidate and puts out its platform, its action will not only have the endorsement of all who have already left the old parties, but it will also have the endorsement of the great masses of the honest yeomanry of this country, from ocean to ocean.

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But the question arises: what will be the result of such a campaign? Will the fair promises of the Democratic convention fool enough honest voters—that is, will it prevent enough of them from rallying to the standard of the Peoples Party to make the election of the goldbug candidate for the Presidency possible, or even probable? Yes, this is the very danger which the narrow partisan, hypocritical action of the Democratic party threatens; but the people of the country can trust the Peoples Party, true as it is to the great question of financial reform and the interest of the people, to steer the nation clear of this danger. It will be remembered that at Chicago the leaders refused every overture and spurned every proposition made to them, by which the silver forces of the country could be united in the coming campaign. Their action shows that they would rather see the gold trust win in the coming fight than to have the Democratic machine make the concessions that were necessary on its part to make victory certain. Their desire was more to cripple the Peoples Party than to win a victory for the people.

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But in the coming campaign the Peoples Party can be trusted to rise to a higher and more patriotic plane than this. They will put the sincerity of the professions of the Democratic politicians to the severest test. They will give them an opportunity in every State in the Union to unite the silver votes, where necessary, to make the defeat of the goldbugs certain. They will give them an opportunity in the electoral college to do the same.

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We are told in Holy Writ that upon one occasion a dispute arose between two women as to which was the mother of a child. The dispute was submitted to King Solomon; who, with that wonderful common sense that has made his name synonomous with wisdom through all the ages, ordered that the child should be split in twain and one-half given to one woman and the other half to the other woman. When this order was about to be carried into effect, one woman smiled and looked on with satisfaction; the other, with true motherly instinct, cried out: no! do not kill the child, but spare its life and give it to the other woman; whereupon King Solomon rendered the verdict that the true mother of the child was the one who wanted to preserve its life, and was willing to make even such a sacrifice to do so. So, in this campaign, the Peoples Party will prove to the American jury—America's King Solomon—that it is the true mother of financial reform and the true friend and guardian of the interests of the American people. The false mother at Chicago would willingly see the child divided, its life lost, and the American people left to mourn in poverty and despair; the true mother at St. Louis will rise to the patriotic position of doing that which is necessary to save the life of the child, even though we have to treat with the false mother to accomplish it. Rather than see the child of financial reform crucified, the Peoples Party will this year do that which is necessary to save its life, and to defeat the goldbugs, as well as their allies, the Democratic partybugs; and before 1900 the great American jury—the American King Solomon will render the verdict that will leave no doubt as to who is the true mother of financial reform, and the faithful guardian of American liberty and prosperity.

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SENATOR BUTLER AT ST. LOUIS.

The North Carolinian Voices the Sentiment of Southern Pops.

Washington Post, 21st.

ST. LOUIS, July 19.—Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, arrived tonight. He will be followed in a day or two by the remainder of the North Carolina delegation, which will come in a special car. Senator Butler is one of the youngest members of the Senate, and since he took his seat has become one of the prominent factors in the Peoples Party. The Senator said that he had not been in conference with any of the leaders here, and it was yet too early to express an opinion as to what course was best to pursue. There were, he said, many delegates on the way to the convention, all of whom were entitled to be heard, and whose views would no doubt be valuable in reaching a determination.

"There is a great difference in the attitude of the Western and Southern Populists," he continued. "In the South there has been a contest between the Democrats and the Populists. In the West the contest has been with the Republicans. Before any decisive step is taken, or any proclamation is made for the Peoples Party, it would be well for those two forces to come together and compromise or adopt a plan of action which will be acceptable to all."

Senator Butler paid a high tribute to William J. Bryan, the Democratic nominee for President. "He is," said the Senator, "the best man presented by the Democrats at the Chicago convention for nomination. His fearlessness and aggressiveness commend him to the people. In the South his nomination has been well received by his own party. By the Populists he is preferred to any man in the Democratic party. The Populists would no doubt have preferred to nominate him as a candidate of their own, rather than to endorse him. He is a young man, and has not been associated with the old leaders of the Democratic party so as to acquire their views and prejudices, which are in many instances so unsatisfactory to the Populists. His brilliancy, youth, and ability give him a claim that no other man in the Democratic party possesses. He has shown more devotion to the great cause of financial reform than any of his party, for he alone had proclaimed that the reform was stronger than party ties."

Although speaking in such high terms of Mr. Bryan, Senator Butler gave no indication that he favored his endorsement by the Peoples Party. "That," he said, "is a matter I do not care to discuss. We, as a party, must look to the preservation of our organization. In the South it is especially necessary for the Peoples Party to maintain itself, as it can thus only make headway against the organization which has been antagonistic in many ways to the people's interests. It is no doubt possible that a plan can be devised which will maintain the party organization and still not be antagonistic to those interests for which the Peoples Party stands. All of these things must be adjusted in fair and free conference. And until this conference can be had I do not care to outline a plan or take a position which may be altered until more extended investigation and an interchange of views with men now on the ground and yet to come."

"But," continued Senator Butler, "this question is greater than party. Rest assured of one thing, the Peoples Party will do everything that is honorable and possible to prevent the election of a gold candidate as President. The action of the Democratic convention at Chicago was a political victory for the Peoples Party, inasmuch as the platform and candidates are the best that have been put forward by that party in a quarter of a century and were due to the existence of and continued growth of the Peoples Party. That action also makes its continued existence and growth all the more necessary. There are two great things for the Peoples Party to do in this convention. First, to use its power and influence to help along the cause of financial reform, and second, to be careful to maintain and strengthen itself as a party."

The Virginia Populists.

Richmond Times.

About fifty of the leading Virginia Populists will attend the Peoples Party national convention in St. Louis, this week. Among those who will go are General James G. Field, Major Mann Page, Captain E. R. Cocke, Messrs. J. Haskins Hobson, H. A. Muller, and J. Brad. Beverly. A leading Populist said yesterday that the Virginians would oppose endorsing the nominees of the Chicago convention unconditionally. The Populists think they have a million votes that they can deliver, and they are not willing to furnish such valuable support except upon condition that no distinction shall be made in the distribution of patronage.

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Raleigh, N. C., July 23, 1896.

State Peoples Party Convention Will be Held in Raleigh, on Thursday, August 13th.

The Peoples Party State convention for North Carolina will be held in Raleigh, on August 13th, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor and other State officers and transacting such other business as may seem best to the convention.

All voters who oppose "bull pens" and ballot box stuffing and who favor an honest election, home county government, and who oppose the rule of monopolies and the gold trust and who put the cause of financial reform above party, are earnestly invited and requested to take part in said convention and to co-operate with us in the coming campaign.

By order of the State executive committee.

MARION BUTLER,
Chairman.

H. W. AYER, Secretary.

Wake County Convention of the Peoples Party.

The county convention of the Peoples Party for Wake county will meet in the court house in Raleigh, on Saturday, August 8th, at 11 o'clock, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State and Congressional conventions. Each precinct is entitled to *three* delegates and *one* additional delegate for each additional 25 votes or majority fraction cast for Peoples Party candidate for Governor in 1892. Precinct meetings will be held on Friday, August 7th, hour to be named by precinct chairman.

Township primaries MUST elect a new executive committee of five.

Each voting precinct must select a REGISTRAR and report the same to me at once, as unless you do, we cannot report the same in time under new election law.

The chairman of each precinct committee will meet me at the court house August 8th at 10 o'clock.

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4th District Congressional Convention.

The Peoples Party Congressional convention of the fourth district will meet at Metropolitan Hall, in Raleigh, on Wednesday, August 12th at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress and an elector for the 4th district. Each county is entitled to two delegetes at large and one additional delegate for each fifty votes or majority fraction thereof cast for Peoples Party candidate for Governor in 1892.

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Will speak at the Peoples Party county convention at Monroe, August 1st, 1896. Let everybody turn out and hear this intelligent and able representative of the Peoples Party.

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Chairman P. P. Ex. Com. of Union county.

W. R. Henry to Speak.

Hon. W. R. Henry will address the people of Pender and surrounding counties, at Burgaw, Pender county, on August 3rd, at 11 o'clock a. m. The issues of the day will be forcibly discussed by this eloquent speaker. Everybody invited.

Craven County Peoples Party Convention.

A convention will be held at New Berne court house, Thursday, August 6th, 1896, at 12 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the several conventions, and to attend to such other business as may come before the convention. The chairman of the different townships will call their primaries to meet first day of August, and elect delegates to attend the county convention.

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Local Ministers' Conference.

The North Carolina Local Ministers' Conference was organized at Durham twenty-seven years ago, with Brantly York, D. D., as President, and Levi Branson as Secretary. For sixteen years the Conference changed, yearly from Kinston in the east to Asheville in the west. Many of the local preachers and lay workers attended from time to time and became interested, so that much good has been done by way of inspiring *local and unpaid missionary work.*

In 1886 the Conference again met at Rutherford College, built a Tabernacle, and elected that as the place for permanent meeting. In 1890 the College was burned, and the Conference was held in 1892 at Raleigh, and 1893 at Trinity Park, Durham.

The twenty-fifth session—the Quarter Centennial—was held at Rutherford College in July, 1894; the twenty-sixth at the same place in August, 1895.

This was the first, and hence the oldest Local Preachers' Conference by name, so far as known, anywhere in the world.

The Quarter Centennial was celebrated with much enthusiasm.

August 13-16 the Twenty-seventh Conference will assemble. Many local preachers and editors are expected, also traveling preachers and distinguished ministers of other denominations.

The Tabernacle is one mile out from Connelly Springs depot, on the W. N. C. R. R.

A Plan For a Site For the Vance Monument.

There are prospects of Buncombe county's having a new court house some time in the near future. The proposed plan is to have it located in a quieter part of town, and give the entire public square in which the court house at present stands for a site for the proposed statue of Senator Vance. The plan is heartily approved of by our best citizens.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement of the Fayetteville Military Academy. Col. T. J. Drewery, the principal is an eminent teacher and well adapted to be the head of such an institution. He has the endorsement of many of the leading educators of the State as well as flattering testimonials of his patrons. The first session, just closed, has been a successful one in every respect. Notwithstanding the stringent times eighty-five students were enrolled representing many sections of our State, Virginia, South Corolina and Georgia.

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COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION.

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SENATOR BUTLER,

Dear Sir: We are offering eleven (11) free scholarships, covering tuition, board, lodging, lights (for which others pay us $250 a year) one to each Senator, to be chosen from the State at large or from any district which he may prefer, and one to be chosen by each Congressman from his own district. The recipients of these scholarships shall be attentive to duty, shall give us no trouble, shall be physically sound, and shall be chosen by a competitive examination on English grammar, spelling, arithmetic, and the geography and history of the United States. The examination shall be held on the 15th of August, at such place and before such committee as either of the Senators may select for his appointee, or as the Congressman of any district may select for his, the scholarship in each case being awarded to the applicant who stands the best examination. In case there should be any scholarships nofilled, applicants for such vacancies may stand the examination in Asheville, on August 26th, before the teachers of Bingham school. We ask you to be kind enough to co-operate with us in this matter by making the offer known (in any way you may think best) to such young men as may wish to compete for one of the scholarships.

Yours truly,
R. BINGHAM.

Pursuant to the above proposition made by Major Bingham, there will be held in the court house at Raleigh, at 12 o'clock, on August 15th, a competitive examination for one of the free scholarships for the State at large. Those desiring to stand the examination will please notify Prof. John Graham, Ridgeway, N. C., who will be chairman of the examining board, of their intention on or before the 10th of August.

MARION BUTLER.

Notice.

The competitive examination for the Bingham School free scholarship for the 7th Congressional district will be held in Statesville, N. C., August 15th, 1896. The terms upon which the scholarships are awarded are as follows:

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MANY MEN DROWNED.

Fourteen Bodies Taken From the Water—Accident Due to Panic.

CLEVELAND, O., July 16.—The most appalling disaster which has ever occurred in Cleveland, except the viaduct horror last winter, when a loaded street car plunged 100 feet into the river, occurred to-night at 8 o'clock. While a flat-bottom ferryboat, loaded with between forty and fifty laborers, was crossing the old river channel, it was capsized, and all the men thrown into the channel and between fifteen and twenty of them drowned. Fourteen bodies have been taken from the water up to 11 p. m.

The accident was due to a panic among the men on board. The boat was so loaded that the gunwale was only three inches above the water, and a passing tug made waves which came into the boat. At once there was a rush to the other side, and the boat went under and spilled the men. They were all members of a gang of orehandlers, and were coming to their homes.

GOMEZ REPORTED DEAD.

It Is Also Said That Calixto Garcia Is Wounded.

HAVANA, July 17.—La Bandero Espanola and LaPatria, leading dailies of Santiago de Cuba, print a report that Maximo Gomez is dead. The report is, however, not yet officially announced.

La Lucha yesterday afternoon printed a Santiago special dispatch to the effect that Calixto Garcia was wounded. When or where is not stated. It is said that his wound is serious.

How Maceo Was Killed.

Private advices give a different account of the death of Maceo, the insurgent leader, from previous ones, to the effect that he was ordering a retreat from a great number of Spanish troops, when a ball struck him fatally.

Relative Value of Advertising Space.

Danville Register.]

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For The Caucasian.]

TARBORO, N. C., July 17, '95.—The Peoples Party convention of Edgecombe county was held here yesterday, and every township was represented.

The following delegates and alternates were elected to the State convention:

DELEGATES—James B. Lloyd, J. R. Satterthwaite, J. H. Edwards, C. H. Spivey, J. M. Cutchin, J. T. Dupree, W. J. Peace, F. B. Lloyd, J. I. Lewis, Wm. Harrell, L. D. Britt, J. B. Barnes.

ALTERNATES—J. B. Carlisle, M. D. Pitt, J. D. Punch, J. B. Barnes, W. F. Draughn, W. R. Mercer, J. A. Farmer, W. T. Mayo, M. M. Williams, Jesse Proctor, J. B. Strand, A. J. Williams.

AT LARGE—Delegates: W. E. Fountain, D. T. Britt. ALTERNATE: W. G. M. Leigh, R. M. Brown.

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES—Delegates: W. E. Fountain, W. G. W. Leigh, T. A. Carson, M. P. Edwards, R. S. Weeks, Risco Pittman, J. W. Dupree, J. D. Brown, W. F. Webb, J. I. Lewis, Joshua Proctor, J. I. Killebrew.

ALTERNATES—Rayford Syles, F. L. Savage, J. Moore, M. W. Pittman, W. T. Mayo, L. L. Logan, Geo. Stewart, W. L. Stallings, M. C. Anderson, J. M. Gardner, G. D. Britt, Jesse Proctor.

AT LARGE—Delegates: J. A. Thomas, J. T. Dupree. ALTERNATES: R. H. Armstrong, W. J. Lawrence.

Resolutions endorsing Major W. A. Guthrie for Governor and James B. Lloyd for Congress, were unanimously adopted.

The following were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Peoples Party of Edgecombe county, in convention assembled, hereby re-affirms its allegiance to the principles set forth in the Omaha platform and congratulates the party for having presented to the country in said platform the vital and paramount issues in American politics to-day, as is evidenced by the overwhelming sentiment of the people favorable to them. In past campaigns the two old parties have been engaged in a sham battle over false issues, thereby keeping the people in ignorance of the true cause of their trouble and distress. Having honestly and earnestly advocated these principles for four years, in adversity and defeat, now that victory seems in sight, the Peoples Party everywhere should rejoice that it presented a beacon light to lead the people out of distress, disaster and ruin, and thereby restore normal and prosperous conditions.

Resolved, That believing in the wisdom, soundness and correctness of the principles enunciated in our platform, we ask the aid and support of every honest patriot, irrespective of past party affiliations, who desires good government and honest reform, to unite with us in the coming election so that we may put men in authority who will enact into law measures that will remedy present evil conditions. We denounce the two old parties for having grossly betrayed the interests of the people by serving plutocracy, and we appeal to the fair minded, honest patriots to condemn their action by refusing to support them.

Resolved, That we condemn the issuance of bonds in time of profound peace, when the resources of the government are adequate for all legitimate purposes, if properly used.

Resolved, That, while unalterably adhering to the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the legal ratio of 16 to 1, without the assent or assistance of any nation on earth, yet the Peoples Party believes that the great power lodged in the national banks is dangerous to our liberties, and these institutions should be abolished and the power to control, issue, and regulate all currency should be restored absolutely to the government where it properly belongs. We also favor an increase of our circulating medium to not less than $50 per capita, and a supplemental issue of full legal tender Treasury notes—the same kind of money that carried this government through one of the most horrible wars of modern times.

Resolved, That we favor an amendment to the Constitution of the United States so that a graduated income tax may be levied to aid in the support of the government. Those who have accumulated enormous wealth should bear their just proportion in sustaining the government.

Resolved, That, as an earnest of good faith in carrying out the wishes and demands of the people, we point with peculiar pride and pleasure to the brilliant record in the Congress of the United States, of the Senators and Representatives of the Peoples Party; and if given full power and authority in all branches of our national government we solemnly pledge that this great country shall be redeemed from the corporate, monopoly, English and banking influences that now dominate it. There can be no real prosperity in this land until the control of its governmental affairs is again restored to the people to whom it belongs, and to that end we invite the co-operation of all patriots.

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to the ruinous practice, now sanctioned by law, of permitting the giving or holding of notes of any description made specifically payable in gold; and we urge the next legislature to enact a law prohibiting the execution of gold notes.

The convention then adjourned to meet on August 5th, to nominate a county ticket.

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WILLIAM E. RUSSELL DEAD.

While on a Fishing Trip in Canada, the Ex-Governor of Massachusetts Suddenly Dies—A Brief Sketch of His Life.

QUEBEC, July 16.—Ex-Gov. Wm. E. Russell, of Massachusetts, was found dead this morning in his fishing camp at Adelaide, near Grand Pabos, Quebec. He passed through Montreal in the best of health, and was then on his way to the salmon grounds in Gaspe.

It appears that the people who accompanied Ex-Governor Russell were his brother and F. Peabody from Boston. Their camp was near the little Pabos river, where they had been fishing yesterday when the ex-Governor seemed in the best of health.

The tent in which they slept was divided into two compartments, and as the ex-Governor slept alone, the others never knew that he was dead till late this morning when they thought it was time to wake him.

SHORT SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

William Eustis Russell was born in Cambridge, on January 6, 1857, within the shadow of the university from which he was graduated in 1877. He received his early training in the public schools of Cambridge in which he prepared for Harvard college, entering that institution in 1873. After his graduation he was admitted to the Suffolk bar in the April term of 1880, and immediately commenced business as a member of the law firm of C. T. and T. H. Russell, having the same association to-day with offices on State street.

Mr. Russell's political affilliations have always been Democratic. In 1881 he became a candidate and was elected a member of the Cambridge Common Council and two years later became a member of the upper branch of the city government. In 1886 Mr. Russell was elected mayor of Cambridge by a large majority. He held the reins of government in the mayor's chair for three terms.

Mr. Russell was married to Miss Margaret Swan, daughter of the late Rev. Joshua Swan, formerly of Cambridge, on June 3, 1885. They had three children, two sons and one daughter.

In 1888, he was nominated for Governor and was defeated by Governor Ames. He was nominated again in 1889 and elected over Mr. Brackett by a plurality of 8,000.

In 1891 he was successful over Chas. H. Allen, of Lowell, by a plurality of 7,500.

In 1892, the Presidential year, he defeated Wm. H. Haile by a plurality of 2,500 votes while Benjamin Harrison carried the State by a plurality of thirty thousand. He retired from office at the end of his third term and resumed the practice of law.

The funeral of ex-Governor Wm. E. Russell took place at Shepard Memorial church, Cambridge, on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Alex. McKenzie, pastor of the church, who is an intimate friend of the family, officiated.

Justice Field Very Ill.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The venerable and distinguished jurist, Stephen J. Field, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, is critically ill.

So serious is his condition that it was yesterday decided to be imperatively necessary that he be brought back to this city from Paso Robles, whither he was sent a fortnight ago in the hope that the change might be of benefit to him.

It is realized by Justice Field's friends that the best medical attention is necessary to preserve the life of the aged sufferer. A special train was dispatched to Paso Robles this afternoon with physicians, nurses, etc., and if the condition of the noted patient will permit of his being removed he will be brought back to San Francisco tomorrow morning.

It is possible that careful nursing and absolute rest may restore the Justice to health, but those best acquainted with his condition say that there is little hope of his recovery.

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TWENTY WHYS

Which Republican and Democratic Voters Will do Well to Think About.

St. Louis Journal.]

Why does it take lawyers to explain the great principles of the Democratic and Republican parties, while farmers explain the principles of the Peoples Party?

Why is it that members of the Peoples Party can tell why they are Populists, and Republicans and Democrats cannot tell why they are Republicans or Democrats?

Why can Populists understand the financial situation, but Democrats and Republicans cannot understand it?

Why do Populist papers and speakers tell the people that they can understand the finance question, but the Republican and Democratic papers and speakers tell them that they can not?

Why do Democrat and Republican leaders ask the people to take a position upon a question that they cannot understand?

Why do Populist leaders urge every man to study politics, and the old party leaders ridicule the idea of farmers and laborers understanding politics?

Why do Populists try to learn the people politics, and the two old parties try to make them believe that they are too ignorant to learn?

Why should men vote upon issues they do not understand?

Why is it that the Democrats never quote Lincoln on finance?

Why is it that the Republicans never quote Lincoln on finance?

Why not drop the legal tender clause of gold by our law if it is the money of the world independent of law?

Why object to the full legal tender clause and free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, if law does not make money?

Why should a man want a gold standard that he never owns, to travel in foreign countries where he never goes, and objects to silver and greenbacks for fear he will get too much, while he and this family is double worked, half clothed, rough fed, and connot pay his debts?

Why should farmers want high-salaried officials, high taxes, high interest on the money, and low-priced products to foot the bill with?

Why should the farmer be in favor of the Government loaning money to National banks at 1 per cent. per annum and not loan to the farmer at any price?

Why do not religious Democrats and Republicans take God's advice on usury if they cannot understand the finance question?

Why do preachers not take such texts as "The Love of Money is the Root of all Evil;" "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven;" "He upset the tables of the money changings in the city and of the best products of the soil in the country. The demand for labor would thus be infinitely expanded. Combinations and trusts dependent on land and labor could not exist, for, as in the case of the Standard Oil Company, their lands being needed by so many millions would be assessed until self-preservation would force the company to open up their now idle acres or abandon them to those who choose to enter, and the calls for labor in other fields and occupations would be such that they could not as now govern wages.

Why does a preacher serve God left-handed, but serve mammon with his right hand? Why did Christ favor the tramp and tramp himself, and oppose the rich, and our preachers take the reverse?

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

Annual Session held at Asheville, N. C., on the 4th—Wilson G. Lamb elected President—A Resolution of Thanks to Senator Butler.

Asheville Citizen.]

The North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati, which was revived at Raleigh last April, after a dormancy of 106 years, met in annual session July 4 at the residence of Maj. Chas. Davis in this city, where, after a business meeting, they partook of a bountiful lunch. Among the members present were Col. Wilson G Lamb of Williamston, N. C., and John C. Davis of Baltimore, president and treasurer of the society, and, as guests, Hon. Theo. F. Davidson, Dr. S. W. Battle and Dr. Geo. A. Mebane. The secretary, Jas. Iredell McRee of Richmond, Va., was prevented from attending by sickness in his family.

The following toasts were drank: "The President of the United States," "The Memory of Washington," "The Commonwealth of North Carolina," "The Memory of the Founders of the Society," "The Heroes and Statesmen of the Revolution," "The Women of the Revolution."

After lunch the members of the society took a drive to Biltmore House and in the evening they dined with Maj. Davis.

Besides hearing the reports of the secretary, the treasurer and the delegates to the triennial meeting of the General Society at Philadelphia in May last, by-laws, corresponding with those of the Massachusetts society, were adopted, and the following resolutions were passed:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati are due and are hereby tendered to Hon. Marion Butler, Senator from North Carolina, for his successful effort in securing the Passage, by the United States Senate, of an appropriation of $10,000 for erection of monuments to Gen. Francis Nash and Lieut. Col. Wm. Lee Davidson of the North Carolina Continental Line, and we respectfully request him to use his best endeavors to have the same passed by the House of Representatives."

Several new members were admitted to the society, and the following officers elected:

President—Wilson G. Lamb.
Vice-president—Jas. Iredell McRee.
Secretary—Maj. Chas L. Davis.
Assistant secretary—Maj. Graham Daves.
Treasurer—John C. Daves.

The next meeting of the society will be at Raleigh, February 22, 1897.

Dickens' Personal Side.

Stephen Fiske, who probably knew Dickens as intimately as did any American, has been induced to write of "The Personal Side of Dickens" for the September Ladies' Home Journal. Mr. Fiske often spent seasons with the famous novelist at Gad's Hill, and his article will describe the incidents of these visits, Dickens' home life, his method of working, and his pastimes. It will possibly surprise Dickens' friends to learn, through Mr. Fiske, that a considerable portion of his library was made up of dummy books, which, however, offered the author a target for some of his delightful satire in giving them titles, and afforded his guests great amusement.

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SOME ERRORS CORRECTED.

Judge Schenck, President of the Guilford Battle Ground Company, Calls Attention to Inaccuracies in the Report of the Celebration of Saturday Last.

Charlotte Observer.]

There are so many glaring and inexcusable errors in the report sent to you from here in regard to our celebration and published in your Sunday edition that I feel constrained to correct some of them. If written by an eye-witness it was a perversion, faulty in almost every particular. Beginning with the opening paragraph, Senator Butler was not presented to the audience by Mr. Joseph Morehead, but by me. It was a short speech, as my feeble health would not permit me to say much. I will, however, venture to say that it was satisfactory to the audience and the speaker.

Again, it is said, "Judge John Gray Bynum presented the portrait of Steven Ramseur by his daughter." How this could be so distorted and misrepresented with the large oil painting open to the view of every correspondent without charge, in the museum, who wished to see it, is inexplicable. No PORTRAIT was presented of Major-General Stephen D. Ramseur, the gallant Confederate soldier of whom your correspondent seems to know so very little. Miss Mary D. Ramseur, his daughter, who paints beautifully and artistically, did, at my urgent request, paint, and on this occasion had presented to our company a scene taken from the battle-field as it now appears. It was taken from a large photograph which the State had taken for the Chicago Exposition.

Again your correspondent represents that Lieut. Col. "Hal." Dixon was killed at the battlefield of Guilford Court House. Grossly inaccurate again. Col. Dixon died in 1773 of wounds received at Eutaw Springs, fought some months after the battle of Guilford Court House. All this in large letters is affixed to the monument by a beautiful bronze plate which your correspondent could have easily read if he desired to do so.

The detestable fling at Senator Butler by saying this was not the first time the spoon had been mentioned with that name deserves contempt No one said such a thing so as to be heard. If he had he would have met the rebuke he deserved. Senator Butler's politics were not observable on this occasion. He was our orator, a distinguished and an honorable Senator, and I am not afraid or ashamed to say, is a gentleman. He had been our friend in the Senate and our board of directors unanimously selected him as our orator, regardless of politics. A souvenir spoon was also sent Senator Pritchard for a like reason and was highly appreciated by him. He has worked for the appropriation ever since he has been in the Senate, when one of his Democratic predecessors ignored us with worse than silence.

The beloved Vance was too sick to give us the aid he so patriotically desired to do in his life time. We have no polities in our company and have heretofore invited men of different parties to speak at our celebrations and all felt honored. I think that our Democratic candidates would have rebuked any attempt to connect Senator Butler's name with the larceny of the spoons. Senator Butler was my guest while here and demeaned himself as a patriot and a gentleman, and personally received the greatest respect from all who met him. No politics were discussed. I deeply regret that your former reporter, Mr. Howard Banks, was not with us again. We sent invitations to him and you and confidently hoped the live Observer would have been with us again. It was next to the Vance year, 1888, the largest crowd ever assembled, estimated at 12,000 people. Senator Butler's speech was listened to with great interest and attention patiently by as many people as our very large pavilion would seat, over 3,000, and among them all I never heard a word of disapprobation, while many were very complimentary to the orator. Our work goes forward majestically, sneers notwithstanding, and I hope the organization will live forever. Our legislature and the national Congress have both recognized us with appropriations, scant to be sure, but we are grateful. Mecklenburg was honored with a most flattering testimonial hung in the pavilion, recognizing her devotion to liberty, and handsomely referred to by Mr. Butler. I hope you may in the future renew our acquaintance. It was once most cordial and highly appreciated, and your regular reporter was sadly missed.

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